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*Patent Application Serial No. 10/568,416***AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:***This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims:*

1. (currently amended): A transparent touch panel comprising;

a transparent first substrate and a second substrate each ~~having~~ including a transparent electro-conductive layer on one surface thereof, the transparent first substrate and the second substrate being arranged with a predetermined interval between each other in such a manner that the transparent electro-conductive layers are facing each other, ~~[[and]]~~ each transparent electro-conductive layer ~~having~~ including a respective pair of electrodes disposed on each end thereof;

a plurality of lead-out terminals being connected to the electrodes through surrounding circuits ~~formed on~~ extending to the peripheral edges of the first substrate and the second substrate, the lead-out terminals each being arranged on the opposing surfaces of the first substrate and the second substrate; and

a plurality of holding members ~~for holding the~~ in direct contact with at least one peripheral edge ~~[[s]]~~ of the transparent first substrate, the holding members being formed of an electro-conductive material and ~~formed~~ arranged so that each of the portions inserted between the transparent first substrate and the second substrate is in contact with ~~[[each]]~~ at least one respective lead-out terminal of either the first or second substrate.

2. (original): The transparent touch panel according to claim 1, wherein the thickness of the portions of the holding members inserted between the transparent first

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substrate and the second substrate is 0.5 to 2 times the space between the transparent first substrate and the second substrate.

3. (currently amended): The transparent touch panel according to claim 1, wherein ~~the second substrate has comprising~~ notched portions formed in a portion of the second substrate which is in contact with the holding members, so that the portion/porions in contact with the holding members has/have flexibility.

4. (original): The transparent touch panel according to claim 1, wherein the transparent first substrate has a plurality of groove portions in the surface opposite to the surface on which the transparent electro-conductive layer is formed, and the holding members are held in groove portions.

5. (original): The transparent touch panel according to claim 1, wherein the transparent first substrate is a fixed substrate.

6. (currently amended): An electronic apparatus comprising the transparent touch panel of claim 1 and a display apparatus ~~having~~ including electrically-conductive connecting terminals, the transparent touch panel being disposed on ~~[[the]]~~ a display surface side of the display apparatus, and the holding members being in direct contact with the connecting terminals, whereby the apparatus and the lead-out terminals are electrically coupled.

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7. (new): The transparent touch panel according to claim 1, wherein the holding members hold the at least one peripheral edge of the transparent first substrate.

8. (new): The transparent touch panel according to claim 1, wherein the holding members are U-shaped and an interior of the U overlaps the at least one peripheral edge of the transparent first substrate.

9. (new): The electronic apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the holding members are U-shaped, an interior of the U overlaps the at least one peripheral edge of the transparent first substrate, and the connecting terminals are in direct contact with a leg of the U-shape.

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